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We greatly fear that entirely too much license will be assumed in this city on the night of the Third and throughout the day on the coming Fourth. We think there are symptoms of such license creeping out. Indeed we have seen the ordinance violated already. The danger is that we shall have a calamity of greater or less magnitude brought upon us by the reckless use of gunpowder at the time unless the Mayor very strictly enforces the law. The people of the city look to the Mayor for protection in this matter, and we trust that he appreciates the gravity of the danger. There is very great danger of damage to person and property if the curb of authority is not rigidly applied. There is every reason to expect more than the usual number of intoxicated people on the street on the night of the Third. To allow these people to scatter fire brands in every direction is to invite the almost certain destruction of more or less property, and along with it perhaps serious injury to a number of persons. It is well to remember that these fire brands are permitted to gratify their inclinations in hundreds of places, and it is hardly possible under such circumstances to escape serious accidents.

These apprehensions on our part are not peculiar by any means. The Eastern papers are warning their constituencies to beware of what may be in store for them on the Fourth—to remember the fate of Portland—and the insurance men seem to be more than ordinarily fearful of the risks to which they are to be subjected by the fact that this is the Centennial Fourth. People everywhere have imbibed the idea that they are to be much freer than usual this year from the restraints of law and order, and they will, unless due precaution is taken, seek to put this idea into practice. We therefore hope that so far as Wheeling is concerned, the Mayor will do his duty in a way to commend his vigilance to the order-loving people of the city.

THE Morgantown News Dominion (which is the queerest name in the world for a newspaper) says that "Mr. C. W. Lynch, of the class of '74," delivered the Alumni address before the Pantheon Literary Society of the University at the recent Commencement. The editor says that:

"The tendency of his remarks went to show that the human family, under modern enlightenment and the wide-spread influence of the Christian religion, was moving forward to the great ray of light of prosperity, progress and power, mercy and joy, and that we fast are approaching the day when we shall have to exchange the imperfect of our golden age for the more glorious dawn of the Millennial Morn."

The meaning of the orator does not seem to come out very clearly in the above. It is presumable that our present golden age will not have an exchangeable relation to the Millennial unless indeed the latter is very near at hand. And, anyhow, seeing that we are to move forward so satisfactorily "to the great ray of light of prosperity, progress, power, mercy and joy" (whatever that means), would it not be a pity to interrupt the performance by such an inopportune event as the millennium?

We have thus far seen no explanation how the name of the Hon. John J. Davis, of Clarksville, came to be attached to the address issued by the Liberal Club, of New York. The address favors "hard money," and the Hon. John J. Davis favors "soft money." Why, therefore, his signature should be attached to that address, puzzles us to determine. If Mr. Davis was a man of any great note in the world—one whose name would weigh heavily for or against any cause in the public estimation—the Liberal Club might have been tempted to cabbage the use of it. But being known only in a local way in West Virginia, and chiefly as an uncertain politician, why should the Liberal Club, of New York, want his name to their address? Will some one else explain?

CONVENTION.—We made a mistake in classifying Mr. Randall among those of the West Virginia Delegation who voted for Hayes. Mr. Randall stuck, as did our Prof. L. W. Simmons, like a leech to Blaine, and the only four West Virginia delegates who voted for Hayes were Gov. W. B. Stevenson, Col. W. Davis, of Greenbrier, Messrs. E. Dana, of Kanawha, and Dr. Logan, of Ohio county.—*Clarksville Times*.

APPROX TO THE PARAGRAPH.—It is said that Capt. Randall was an original Hayes man. Even as late as the Clarksville Convention his originality had not sensibly worn away. But somehow or other, the Capt. let go of the "inner light," which like a star of Bethlehem, had piloted him in his way up to that point, and thus entirely lost his reckoning, and with it his chance of going for Col. Shaller's scalp on the 4th day of March next.

THE Charleston Journal seems anxious for the coming Republican State Convention to commit a *foe de se*, by taking up the resolution touching the Capital question which the Democracy had sense enough to discard at their late convention. This is a queer sort of tactic to pre-empt for a successful campaign. Should the Republicans adopt the suggestion they may as well hang their heads on the wall. We can hardly believe the *Journal* in earnest in offering such a suggestion.

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It has been ascertained that there was a movement among the Republicans to substitute the name of N. P. Banks for that of Holman, and Mr. Conger had been selected to move the amendment. The principal duty of the Speaker pro tem, during the remainder of this session, and especially during the coming week, will be to appoint committees of conference on the appropriation bills. As Holman's known views on that point were distasteful to Republicans as well as to party Democrats, it was hoped that a sufficient number of Democrats could be secured to enable the Republicans to substitute General Banks for Holman. For some reason, either because this move has come to the knowledge of Mr. Randall or because Holman objected to being used merely to keep the place for Cox, besides giving up his place on the conference committee already appointed, as soon as the prayer of the Chaplain was concluded, Mr. Randall moved the House adjourn, although last night he refused to consent to an adjournment till Monday, and had remained in town for the sole purpose, considering it more important than joining the delegation to St. Louis, as originally intended. Mr. Harris, of Virginia, opposed the adjournment and secured the yeas and nays, thus defeating it. As soon as the motion to adjourn was made Mr. Holman offered the above resolution with the name of Saylor in place of his own, which had been erased. The latter portion of the resolution, limiting the election of the new Speaker pro tem, to the time of Mr. Cox's return, had been also erased, thus making the term of the new Speaker extend to the absence of the Speaker himself. The resolution was adopted unanimously. Mr. Conger saying, afterward, Mr. Saylor was no satisfactory to the Republicans that he had no desire to move any adjournment.

Mr. Saylor was not in the hall, and after a few moments the Clerk entertained and put a motion to adjourn, which was carried.

Mr. Cox left last night, when the resolution, as originally drawn, was proposed to secure the place for him on his return.

MR. BLA